

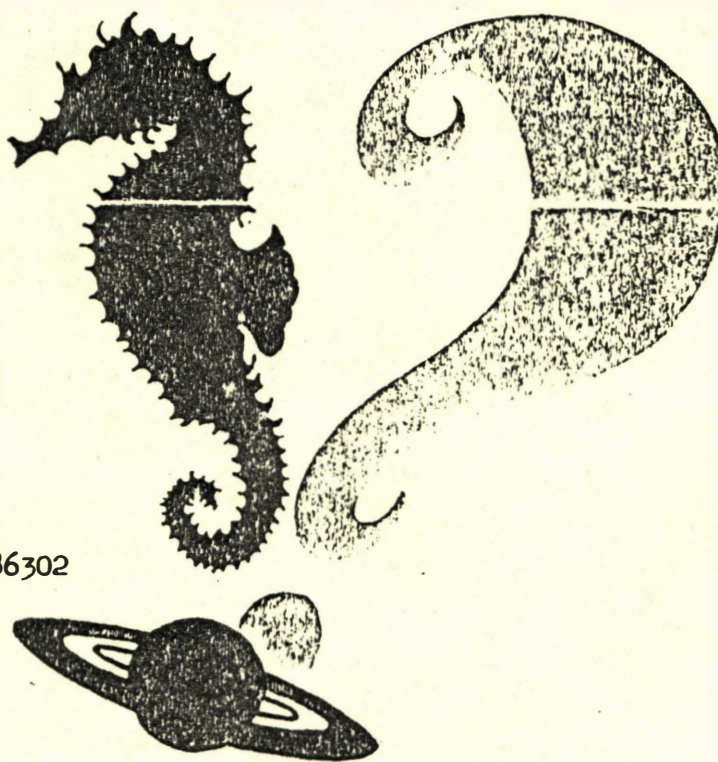
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OF DREAMLAND

"Hysterical" is the term invented for the doctor's use to shut your mouth when your wife is sick and he doesn't know what's wrong with her. For most rough and ready purposes it denotes the mildest form of insanity. "Hysterical" persons are not really crazy, they just act as if they were. By extension, typical of this era of loose generalizations and to hell with details, the term has come to be applied to shut all our mouths whenever anything is going on which Science doesn't understand. The editors of the freepress have borrowed the gag from the doctors, and thus -- by extension again -- they place themselves on a level with the medicine men, above the masses to which they minister, immune to the effects of their own jargon, amulets and incantations.

One detail commonly overlooked by doctors and editors who hit themselves to the astral plane by their own bootstraps is the perniciousness of self-satisfaction. No rose that blows can be so captivating, so enchanting in its fragrance, as are -- to an individual -- the odors he creates himself. This matters very little in the case of a doctor in love with his own diagnosis. If your wife's "hysteria" kills her, that's no great loss to the world, whereas the fate of nations, civilizations, of the planets in their courses, may depend on the editors' whims. The stench they raise daily is their ozone and it affects them much like opium, so that by constantly inhaling their own gasses they live in a perpetual dream world of their own creation. Limiting ourselves to the local scene, they have set up the United States of Dreamland, whence this essay derives its title.

If the numerous editors created private

worlds, like the thousands which revolve in Bedlams everywhere, they would be shut up with the other maniacs who think they are God, and although we might deplore their sad state, we should be protected from their violences. Unfortunately for us, the great editorial delusion does not create private worlds. Its false appetites are not satisfied until vast numbers of the sane are behaving AS IF the synthetic cosmos of the editors' diurnal vaporings were *bona fide*. Like "hysterical" women, the editors generally retain some faint awareness of reality, and like maniacs, they are cunning. Their faint awareness of reality is their yardstick by which they measure their power over the sane. Their cunning has inspired them to unite their efforts to extend that power by enforcing the delusion of a single dream-world universally instead of a different one in each circulation area, and the means they have devised to this end are called the Associated Press, the United Press and the International News Service.

These press associations and their member publishers own or control the means of broadcasting "news" by radio as well, so that any appearance of competition between the two media is the sheerest illusion. You never have heard a scrap of news over the air until *after* it was for sale, printed, on the street, with the exception of sports events and a few rare accidents which have occurred under the eyes of an announcer already on the air. In this latter class, the burning of the Hindenberg and the crash of a plane into the Empire State Building are notable examples.

Yes, the means of general communication in the world today is a monopoly held by a small group of madmen who call everybody else "hysterical" and do everything in their power to make that wish-thought a fact. Rational humans who, conceivably, might wish to compare notes about events in the real world have not the slightest chance to do so. Nowhere on the face of the earth today is there a single publication (of any significant circulation) which is not dedicated to the perpetuation of some pipe dream. So that in good sooth (for all practical purposes) the United States of Dreamland IS the reality. We, the people, have had forced upon us a notoriously false and scurrilous wood-pulp soul. And what the Devil do we do about it?

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that the majority of the population were ashamed of the picture of ourselves which the papers send abroad. How would we go about changing it?

The vast majority of us knew that Pearl Harbor was a put-up-job, agreed to by the U.S. Government expressly to make the public "hysterical" (only at that time the term was "war-minded"), but what could we -- and what *did* we -- do about it?

Writing letters to editors doesn't do any more good than writing them to Santa Claus. Nailing their lies doesn't stop the chain-effect the lies have set in motion. No matter what percentage of the public is aware of a published false-

hood, that awareness practically never gets into print, so that, say, 90% of the people in New York don't know and can't find out what 90% of the people in Chicago are thinking. Polls of "public opinion" are engineered to substantiate any nefarious, noxious non-sense the editors wish to foist upon us. The only publication of any potency which consistently exposes their frauds is IN FACT, a weekly, and IN FACT confines itself almost exclusively to political issues; further, IN FACT has an ax of its own to grind, and so circulates principally among a group which would like to control the United States of Dreamland but never, never, never would permit the views of the masses to circulate freely. Nor does the limited potency of IN FACT stem the flood of falsehood in the slightest. On the contrary, each little exposure calls forth a smothering blanket of taller tales, so that the great stock of imposed hallucinations is weekly being squared to the seventh power.

Thus was the world led into "war". Thus were the masses taught to fear "atoms". Thus -- most recently -- was a grand series of Fortean phenomena laughed out of the editors' Dreamland. Reference is to the data which the newspapers grouped hysterically under their flying "saucer" or "disk" scare-heads: June 21 at 3:00 p.m., between Mt. Ranier and Mt. Adams in Washington, 10,000 feet up, estimated to be moving at 1200 mph., nine objects, bright, "as if nickel plated", no size stated; moved as if fastened together, "if one dipped, the others did too". Reported by Kenneth Arnold, of Boise, Idaho, when he landed at Pendleton, Oregon. An unidentified man from Ukiah, Oregon, claimed to have seen similar objects the same date. (AP papers only)

The Chicago *Tribune* adds -- the nine objects were headed South, strung out about 5 miles, remained in sight two minutes, were certainly "separate units"; and that "a (that is *one*) strange shiny object" had been seen at 7:00 p.m., same date, by Glen E. Stewart and his wife, of Pendleton.

The next day the *Tribune* gave the size of the objects -- "as big as DC-1 passenger planes", and added: June 25, shortly after noon, nine objects flying west over Kansas City, Mo., reported by W. L. Davenport, of K.C. . . . Also -- "five or six weeks ago" an object (that is *one*) alleged to have been seen by Byron Savage, in Oklahoma City. (The *Tribune* does not credit AP, but attributes its information to "Special".)

Savage saw what he saw "about dusk".

The Oregon *Journal* puts a DC-4 in the air at the same time as Arnold and the objects, but states: "The DC-4 pilot reported nothing unusual in that particular region at exactly that time."

The Oakland (Calif.) *Tribune* states that "experts" scoff at the story. Just what the scoffers were "expert" in is not stated, perhaps at scoffing.

Witness number SEVEN was Mrs. Elma (or Emma) Shugler, Bremerton, Wash. Saw "shiny platters" twice in past ten days. No number stated. They were headed NW.

Number EIGHT —

June 18, no number stated, objects going NE over Eugene, Oregon, reported by E. H. Sprinkle or Sprinkler.

Number NINE —

June 21, no number stated, seen by an anonymous woman of Emmett, Idaho. They "weaved and circled . . . and dispersed in all directions".

Number TEN —

June 17, three over Bremerton, Wash., by Mrs. Howard K. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler refers to a Mrs. Dennis Howell of Salem, Oregon, who saw something a week before. That is ELEVEN.

TWELVE —

June 24, over Yakima, by Mrs. Ethel Wheelhouse.

THIRTEEN —

June 24, about 10:00 a.m., three over Bellingham, Wash., by George Clover.

FOURTEEN —

June 20, at 11:00 p.m., over Moses Lake Highway, near Wenatchee, Wash., "a long, oval blue white flame, and exploded when it apparently hit the ground": reported by Archie Edes.

FIFTEEN —

June 24, at 1:50 p.m., CST, over Joliet, Ill., by Charles Kastl: he saw "about" nine, going South: saw them about 25 seconds, had impression they were being towed.

SIXTEEN —

June 24, about 9:00 p.m., something dropping reddish white flares (two), over Portland, by William Kamp.

SEVENTEEN —

"Less than a year ago" over Johnson Creek, near Portland, by Lloyd Kenyon . . . He also saw something similar in the Russell Islands in 1913, but his superior officer (an "expert", no doubt) said they were meteors.

One of Wing Anderson's converts thought these flying objects were spirit ships. An anonymous preacher in Texas said they were harbingers of doomsday and that he was getting his flock ready for the end of the world. Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner of White Sands, N.M., said they might be jet airplanes.

EIGHTEEN —

June 25, one about half the size of a full moon, going South, over Silver City, N.M., by Dr. (dentist) R. F. Sensenlaugher.

NINETEEN —

"A few days ago", by Mrs. E. G. Peterson and her son, three objects over Seattle, going East.

TWENTY —

June 21, about 9:00 p.m., over Tukwila, Wash., by Mervin Watkins.

TWENTY-ONE —

June 24, the "light and disk phenomenon" three times between 9:15 and 11:00 p.m., over Seattle. Mrs. Elvira J. Forsyth, she saw three "light blue spots" in the rain, lasted two seconds, they grew dark "like the opening of a cave" and the

disks "seemed to be converging on that dark spot".

TWENTY-TWO —

June 26, about 10:00 a.m., bright flashes of light over Seattle, by Mrs. I. A. Fay.

By this time at least one paper — *Seattle Times* — was calling the subject a "furor". One hardly knows why. Then the feature writers were turned loose on it. Howard W. Blakeslee, AP Science Editor, N.Y., Jack Hall, *Seattle Star*, and Tom Caton, *Portland Oregonian* . . . Blakeslee ignored all the data and said that reflected light looked round at a distance . . . Hall said the objects were Paul Bunyan's clay pigeons . . . Caton doesn't say much of anything, but quotes others as calling the story "fantastic".

The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* sent Douglas Welch on a tour of the eye doctors for opinions, "spots before the eyes," they said. Nobody had really seen anything.

TWENTY-THREE —

June 27, at night, "a silvery object without wings or tail, over Vancouver, B.C., by William Crodie . . . In the same city an anonymous woman claimed one "swooped" over her house a month before. That's TWENTY-FOUR.

TWENTY-FIVE —

June 28, at 5:05 P.M., going South, visible three minutes, to Mrs. Sidney B. Smith of Seaside, Oregon.

TWENTY-SIX, — SEVEN, — EIGHT —

June 28, Capt. Dyer, while flying near Alamogordo, Texas, saw a "ball of fire with a blue fiery trail behind it" — underneath him. It disintegrated as he watched. Called a "meteorite" (sic).

June 27, at 9:50 A.M., flame in sky over Pope, N.M., by W. C. Dodds. . . . Same flame seen by Capt. E. B. Detchemendy of White Sands: this, too, as well as two other observed objects in New Mexico, called "meteorites" by Col. Turner, who said they might fool people into calling them "discs".

This is UP's entrance into the game . . . Their paper, the *Pueblo* (Colo.) *Star-Journal*, adds three "aeronautical experts" as observers — that's THIRTY-ONE — June 26, at night, going East, over Cedar City, Utah, reported by Roy Walters, Royce Knight and Charles Moore.

Seven more persons (unnamed) in a group — reported by the *Denver Post* — that's THIRTY-EIGHT —

May, last, at noon, seven employees of the Manitou and Pike's Peak Railway, over Manitou Springs, Colo.

At this point, Ray Taro, Everett, Wash., said that the discs were bits of aluminum (foil?) from bottle caps, blown out of his foundry.

THIRTY-NINE —

June 29, in the forenoon, object fell near Cliff, New Mexico, aceto Arthur Howard. Photis searching for it encountered "a layer of stinking air".

On June 29, the AP man in Portland, Oregon, lacking any new data, relished the old — about six sticks of it — leading off with the statement that "a red-hot controversy raged about it all", but nowhere naming the controversialists. The red-hotness of the debate is summed up in the last few words of the obviously "stop-gap" story, viz: ". . . no responsible official or air expert came to the defense of the reports or of the theories behind them." This might be called negative red heat.

FORTY —

July 26, over Grand Canyon in Arizona, a "silver ball", too swift to be a plane, and apparently falling, observed by Dr. Leon Oettinger and three other persons (whom we will not count), and reported by him in San Francisco, where he was attending lectures. His home is in Lexington, Ky.

FORTY-ONE —

Even the papers admitted that this report differed in detail from descriptions of flying saucers, but included it in that category nonetheless. June 29, at 9:07 p.m., in moonlight, over San Leandro (near San Francisco), an oval object which whistled, going North, reported by Frank M. King, who names these witnesses — Arlan King (of Ramona), Allan Stirling (of Oakland), Tom Dye (of San Francisco). Object in view 10 seconds, appeared to be 20 or 30 feet long . . . The *Oakland Tribune* takes the opportunity to mention "a spirited controversy throughout the Nation", but does not state the argument.

FORTY-TWO —

"Late last week" (June 26, 27 or 28?), over LaGrande, Oregon, nine disks or discs, observed by Leland Jones and two Catholic nuns. "Looked very round and seemed to have fins."

FORTY-THREE —

June 29, (the Lord's Day) at 11:00 a.m., over Pendleton, Oregon, seven objects going NW, "hummed like a musical top" (no tune mentioned), reported by Mrs. Morton Elder.

FORTY-FOUR —

June 29, "shortly before" 1:30 p.m., over Moscow, Idaho (where "I-Saw-God-Robinson" hangs out), one disk going East, sky sunny, reported by Frank Lark, who named witnesses — Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heilman.

FORTY-FIVE —

June 26, about 7:00 p.m., over a Navajo reservation near Gallup, New Mexico, observed by Miss B. A. Tillery of Newcomb, and her mother.

FORTY-SIX —

June 27, late in day, one "swept in" over Gallup, N.M., aceto Art Roberts, Gallup barber.

FORTY-SEVEN —

"Over the week-end", something like a "flying stove-pipe", glowing hot, came from the North and passed over Lake

Deschenes, near Ottawa, Canada, as reported by H. S. Gauthier and two companions.

Over the same week-end, Reverend (sic) Lester Carlson, pastor of a La-Grande, Oregon, Tabernacle, joined the anonymous Texas Bible-thumper in predicting the end of the world.

The Wyoming State *Tribune* (Cheyenne) prints a piece by Donn Driscoll, June 30, stating that he saw "glass balls" over Germany which were never explained to him. What the connection may be is not stated, nor does Mr. Driscoll say whether or not he knew what he was doing over Germany.

The Berkeley (Calif.) *Gazette* dug up (or was plagued by) Richard B. Johnson, inventor of a "flying wing". A photo is in the *Gazette* of June 30.

FORTY-EIGHT --

No date -- may be June 24: over a ranch, 15 miles from Pendleton, Oregon, by William Schluening.

FORTY-NINE --

"A year ago!" by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Raeburn, Portland, Oregon.

FIFTY --

The Oregon *Journal* quoted UP as stating that there had been seen a "baby saucer -- 12 inches in diameter" in South Carolina. It gave off a faint eerie light. July 1, old style.

FIFTY-ONE --

June 30, at 1:00 p.m., over Astoria, Oregon, one going North visible 15 minutes, to Mrs. Earl Seado.

FIFTY-TWO --

June 25, between 5 and 6 p.m., over Alvarado, near Dallas, Texas, by an anonymous woman.

FIFTY-THREE --

June 28, at 5 p.m., and again, later the same evening, by Mrs. Ramsey C. Johnson, Dallas, and her housekeeper (respectively).

FIFTY-FOUR --

No date: seen by "a Lubbock couple", near Snyder (Texas?). This from the *Dallas News*.

FIFTY-FIVE --

June 29, afternoon, an El Paso resident, Troy Pendergrass, chased a "disk" into Ash Canyon, in the SW corner of Elephant Butte Lake, New Mexico. He found a 5 x 8 inch piece of tinfoil. *Dallas News*.

The Seattle *Times* on July 1, old style, ran pictures of a Navy "flying flapjack" but added that the only one the Navy owned had never left Connecticut.

FIFTY-SIX --

June 23, no time of day stated, 10 going North, and 7 "returning", over Bakersfield, Calif., by Richard Rankin of Palm Springs. The AP story is out of Portland, Oregon, again. No explanation by the press as to how or why a Palm Springs resident is quoted in a Portland, Oregon, despatch.

FIFTY-SEVEN --

July 1, over the Columbia River near Portland, Oregon, 10 seen by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Balliet . . . The same despatch credits anonymous reports from Astoria and Madras, Oregon. (See above for another ? over Astoria previously.)

FIFTY-EIGHT --

July 1, night, over Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the NW sky, "disappeared in half a minute", aceto Max Hood, Chamber of Commerce executive (sic).

FIFTY-NINE and SIXTY --

June 24, in the Western sky over Boise, Idaho, "a comet-like object" seen by the Lieut.-Governor of Idaho, Donald S. Whitehead and Justice of the Peace J. M. Lampert. Observed for 20 minutes about 3:30 p.m. "Object did not move: went below horizon merely by rotation of earth (sic)."

Nevertheless, the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* went to the trouble to quote "local savants" to the effect that the reports were being achieved by "the power of suggestion".

Meanwhile -- in Seattle -- a nine-year-old newsboy, Jack Scruggs, was struck by a "bullet" (from nowhere), and a second missile cracked a window over his head, at 5:30 p.m., July 2, old style.

In this connection, let us explain that, for the most part, data not directly connected with the saucers by the press is listed chronologically elsewhere in this issue. Correlation by the membership is suggested. Some few data, however, appear to be so pertinent that they would be out of place elsewhere. That directly above is one. Here is another:

July 2, old style, two "bombs" fell, fifty yards apart, at Wittman, Maryland. One tore up a shipyard and stunned four men. The other dug a hole in a field, "big enough to put a steam engine in". Later, the incident was attributed to accident. The "bombs" fell from a plane being tested. They were alleged to contain only sand and water but a "terrific explosion" was reported at the time of impact . . . "Capt. C. H. Beery, bomb disposal expert (sic) from the ordnance division at the Army's Aberdeen proving ground, made an investigation but filed no report immediately." That was two days after the explosion. No more data has reached us at press time. (Rockaby-baby!)

SIXTY-ONE --

July 1, about 12:45 p.m., four miles out of Dallas, Texas, one object "going (SW) like blue blazes", reported Tom Dean: wife and daughter also saw it.

SIXTY-TWO --

July 2, in moonlight, for 10 minutes, over Beverly Hills, Calif., "went around and around in circles", then silently disappeared, aceto Mrs. Ernest Michel.

SIXTY-THREE and FOUR --

July 2, "a group" going SW over Denver, by Henry Martin and Walter Harrod.

SIXTY-FIVE --

July 1, about 9:00 p.m., one object moving East over Phoenix, Arizona, by Frank Munn and wife.

SIXTY-SIX and SEVEN --

July 2, shortly after 2:15 p.m., "six of them . . . about one foot apart . . . about as big as a football but shaped round, like a basketball . . . falling straight down . . . into the bay, East of the bridge (Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco)", reported by Sergeant David Menary of the State Highway Patrol. Walter Castro of San Rafael was with him . . . A half hour later, Menary saw green and red lights "from the vicinity of Fort Mason." (For some reason beyond your Secretary's ken, the Washington D. C., *Times-Herald*, in printing this UP despatch, interpolates "June 24" as the date Menary saw the objects fall into San Francisco Bay. All other papers give July 2 . . . Is it possible that the *Times-Herald* got one chapter of the serial shuffled out of order? . . . At least two papers--Berkeley, Calif., *Gazette*, and Pueblo, Colo., *Star-Journal*, in the same dispatch identify the person who reported the luminescent baby disc--our NUMBER FIFTY -- as Jack Reanis of Bath, South Carolina. No explanation given for the delay in printing that information which was hinted at in the Oregon *Journal* of July 1, old style.

SIXTY-EIGHT --

July 3, at 7:45 a.m., one over Monterey, Calif., air port (not a plane), for 10 or 15 seconds, by Mrs. Louise Goldstein or Goldstein, wife of a deputy sheriff.

SIXTY-NINE --

June 27, about 10:00 a.m., at San Miguel, New Mexico, a white object "like an electric light bulb" whistled overhead from the NE (where lies White Sands), aceto Mrs. David Appenzeller. No rockets sent up since June 12, say officials.

SEVENTY --

July 2, near Summerside, Prince Edward Island, one going South, visible about 30 seconds to Dr. C. K. Ginn and three other people in his car.

SEVENTY-ONE and TWO --

July 2, between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m., between Snoqualmie Summit and North Bend, Washington, about two dozen came from the N. swung W., and went out of sight, aceto H. H. Bowman and Gene Hanaford. Bowman is called a "private investigator," which is to say "detective".

The N. Y. *Herald-Tribune* felt called upon to editorialize about the "High-Flying Mystery." July 3, calling the reports "unsubstantiated". What would substantiate a report for that editor is not stated. He assumes that "most of the reports can safely be attributed to delusions," and remarks that "weather planes, scouring (sic) the area daily,

have brought back no such reports."

Right in the *Her-Trib's* teeth, we toss NUMBER SEVENTY-THREE — July 1, at night, E. E. Unger, meteorologist in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Louisville, Kentucky, saw one over Louisville.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* ran a headline: ARMY PROBES FLYING SAUCERS, July 4. The same day, the San Francisco *Chronicle*, with the same story to head up, made it read: AAF WON'T INVESTIGATE THOSE FLYING DISKS.

In another column of the *Chronicle*, a letter signed by Ole J. Sneider asserts that the disks are space ships, "Navo", and that they have been coming here for "millions of millions of years".

MFS Hehr (our man who has contact with Venus) writes that the "airships" are manned by descendants of Atlanteans, and that they are training now "for the salvage work necessary in 1960. Certain persons and material will have to be collected and placed in safe-keeping for the restart of a new civilization."

SEVENTY-FOUR —

July 4 (?), three over the ocean, coming from the West, at San Diego, Calif., turned and went back to sea, aceto Navy chief petty officers Robert L. Jackson and William Baker.

SEVENTY-FIVE —

July 4, at 1:15 p.m., over Southeast Portland, "sporting" over an amusement park, reported by police radio patrol car 13. Almost simultaneously, a second police car, no 82, three miles from the first one, made an almost identical report.

SEVENTY-SIX —

July 4, "a few minutes" after the two reports above, about 20 going West reported by a Clark County (Wash.) Deputy Sheriff, Fred Knives, stationed across the Columbia River from Portland.

SEVENTY-SEVEN —

July 4, over Eugene, Oregon, 125 miles South of Portland, E. F. Smith states he saw a small plane dump "a dozen or more" disks in the air. The AP despatch states that "newspaper men (those honest souls!) were trying to identify the plane and find the disks". No luck.

SEVENTY-EIGHT, -NINE and EIGHTY —

One or more of the groups observed by the Portland police was reported by Sgt. Cross of the Oregon State Police, the Sheriff's Office in Vancouver, Wash., and by a Vancouver patrolman.

EIGHTY-ONE —

July 3, just before sundown, over Huntington Park, Calif., going South with a "whizzing noise", by Mrs. Elsie Brooks.

EIGHTY-TWO and THREE —

July 4, about 8:12 or 9:12 p.m., (variously stated), over Ontario, Oregon, four,

five or nine of them heading NE, changed to NW, by E. J. Smith and Ralph Stevens, who gave chase (for "15 miles") in the airliner plane they were flying. The objects either outdistanced them or disintegrated. Smith said they "definitely were not aircraft". Visible 10 to 15 minutes. Later in the flight the same people saw that or another group of objects.

EIGHTY-FOUR and FIVE —

July 3, at 5:00 p.m., about 25 miles from Santa Monica, Calif., one "saucer" estimated at 40 to 50 feet in diameter, going NNW, by Dan J. Whelan and Duncan Underhill.

The Toronto *Telegram* states that "saucers" were seen over Texas and Ohio on July 3, but does not name the witnesses. The Los Angeles *Times* printed an "imaginary" drawing of a flock of them, manned, which is alleged to be the work of "a number of Walt Disney's artists". The *Times* states plainly that the picture was dreamed up, so it cannot be accused of attempting to deceive people who read captions. If the editors meant to deceive people who do not read captions and people who do not know the difference between a drawing and a photograph (an amazingly large number of persons) is anybody's guess. The entire World Fraud II was conducted on a synthetic-illustration basis, in England as well as in the United States. Drawings showing how specifically named engagements were going to look were printed on the eve of the "battles" with captions more or less adroitly worded to fuddle beholders. This type of "picture" outnumbered real photos of action two to one. Statistics would not be available, but it is a safe bet that more than half the "readers" of the Los Angeles *Times* quit their papers July 5th under the impression that they had seen a picture of the flying saucers in the paper.

EIGHTY-SIX —

July 4, before 1:15 p.m., one "at close range", when it "swooped near his home", by H. E. Soule, Appleton, Colorado. (Apparently only the Chicago *Sun* printed that, although it is included in a UP story. Perhaps other editors went to the trouble to look up Appleton in the Postal Guide. That valuable work lists Appletons in Ark., Ill., Maine, Minn., N.Y., S.C., Tenn., Wash., and Wis., but none in Colo. Let us not go so far as to say there is no Appleton in Colorado, but only that, if there is, the U.S. Post Office does not know about it.)

EIGHTY-SEVEN (plus) —

July 4, no time stated, one over Boise, Idaho, by John Corlett, his wife and two guests. Corlett is a UP correspondent.

EIGHTY-EIGHT (plus) —

July 4, no time, "size and color of a washtub", over Pine Bluff, Ark., by T. L. Huckaby. He is said to be the third person in that district to report "discs".

ONE HUNDRED NINE —

July 4, 5:30 p.m., twenty people watched Frank Rynnan take a photograph of

something in the sky over Seattle. Acme Telephoto released the picture which shows a white spot.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE —

July 4, between 2:50 and 3:10 p.m., 35 disks in three groups, observed by 60 persons at a picnic, Twin Falls, Idaho. Climbed out of sight, going West.

THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE —

July 4, at 7:00 p.m., Hauser Lake, Idaho, 200 people watched one disk circle for 30 minutes.

371 —

July 4, evening, two unnamed women in Salt Lake City.

372-373 —

July 4, no time stated, seven sighted near Alturas, Calif., by Modoc County District Attorney Charles Lederer and Dale Williams.

374 —

July 3, early, three seen over Omaha, Nebraska, by Mrs. Fred Nelson.

375 —

July 4, about dusk, a "flock" of them going West between Pacific Palisades and Malibu Beach, Calif., reported by Frank E. Chester.

376-377 —

July 4, near Allambyra, no number stated by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kokay.

378 —

July 4, about 8:10 a.m., four, by Donald Dwiggin, at Glendale, who said they changed shape as he watched.

The "mystery reached fever pitch" aceto the AP, which is simply an abuse of the English language.

379 (called "first in East")

July 4, just before sunset, over Philadelphia, by Dr. M. K. Leisy, interne at the Pennsylvania Hospital for Mental Diseases — "and other persons in West Philadelphia". Unlike any previous reports the object was moving slowly. The *Inquirer* makes the point that the reports came from "several competent observers".

380 —

July 4, night, over Lake Pontchartrain, near New Orleans, one going NE, by Miss Lillian Lawless. (MFS Kerr recalls a no such-beast in those waters recently.)

381 plus —

July 3, night, near Decatur, Ill., by Claude Price of Springfield and many others.

382 plus —

July 4, about 10:30 p.m., over Sarnia, Ont., by Mrs. John R. Warner and her neighbors (residents of Port Huron, Mich.) who make the objects "translucent plates 12 to 15 inches in diameter". ((Remember the translucency and see below.)

383 —

July 4, night, one going SE, over Sherbrooke, Penna., by James Harris and Herman Linkletter.

384 —

July 4, early morning, a reddish object

the size of the moon awakened Mrs. Ruth Loe. It did not appear to be moving. "I watched it for a few minutes and then went back to sleep." Alexandria, Va.

385 plus —
July 4? — Saint Johns, N.B., by Paul Fakjar and his father. Also — more reported by farmers of Prince Edward Island, one moving S, and one SE.

386 —
July 4, early in morning, "like a big butterfly all lit up," East Orange by Mrs. Lenora Woodruff.

387 plus —
July 4, at 9:00 p.m., five of them, over his farm, near Delaware, Ohio, by Carl Thompson. Four other reports received by Columbus, Ohio, papers.

388 —
July 4, no time stated, a bright green one over Ottawa, Canada, by Mrs. P. H. Dubinsky.

The Manchester *Guardian* was patronizing. After all, none of these objects had been seen in Inglin, doncherknow.

A self-styled human behavior expert, one "Dr." John G. Lynn, repeated the old Chestnut, "mass hysteria", sending his edict out of Valhalla, N.Y., that Mecca of "human behavior experts".

C. H. McCaslin of Oakland, repeated the space-ship theory . . . An unnamed "meteorologist" in Detroit suggested that Mars was signalling us . . . David Lilienthal — who couldn't possibly have the remotest idea WHAT "atomic experiments" here might be doing to the structure of the universe elsewhere — told the Denver *Post* there was no connection. Nevertheless, the Los Angeles *Examiner* (May 2) had the bad taste to quote Dr. Irvine Rehman, "who participated in Operation Crossroads", as saying that "the Bikini radioactive cloud passed over the United States recently (sic) on its sixth trip around the earth". All aircraft along a strip across the northern part of the United States were warned to stay below 17,000 feet. Cr Barneson.

MFS Markham (our own Maritime Vanishment Expert) was expecting to hear of an epidemic of vanishing vessels between July 5 and the next inferior conjunction of Venus. He links the discs with the expected phenomena and points with excusable self satisfaction at the burning ship off Sonoma County, Calif., — no trace or record to be found by investigators. Forest Ranger Earl Holle reported her burning and sinking, with circumstantial detail, after 4:00 p.m. July 3 . . . Nothing was found when searchers went for survivors. No vessel was unaccounted for.

Joseph St. Amant, Staff Correspondent International News Service (Hearst), turned up (June 6) a "noted" Pasadena scientist who withheld his name but is alleged by St. Amant to have stated "flatly" that "the objects skimming through the skies are the results of

Government experiments in transmutation of atomic energy . . . These saucers, so-called, are capable of high speeds, but they can be controlled from the ground . . . They are twenty feet in width in the center and are partially rocket-propelled on the take-off . . . People are not seeing things . . . Such flying discs actually are in experimental existence."

This flatly contradicted Lilienthal, and was, in turn, denied by Dr. Thomas (or C. C. ?) Lauritsen, head of the nuclear physics department at Cal Tech.

389 —
July 4, over Montana, between Great Falls and Helena, midafternoon, 12 of them, by Mr. and Mrs. Curt Dennis.

(Too numerous to count anymore.)
July 5, all over the San Francisco Bay area . . . Palo Alto, at 5:53 p.m. . . . Mountain View . . . At least 10 persons in Los Angeles . . . Over San Pedro at daybreak . . . One at 4:00 p.m. . . . Two at 6:30 a.m. . . . One "fell" over Arcadia but was not found . . . Several reported in Washington, D.C., (no names) . . . Two men in Albany, N. Y. . . . Two persons in Charleston, S.C., saw one at 6:20 p.m., headed East . . . J. E. Jonston, Waterloo, Iowa, saw one only 25 feet off the ground, size of a dinner plate . . . Akron, Ohio, July 4, 8:30 p.m. . . . Augusta, Maine, twelve seen by Dan Kelly . . . Rogers, Arkansas, one, by J. P. Crumpler . . . Augusta, Ga., by Dr. Colden R. Battey, "six weeks ago" . . . Walter, Okla, two, about 10:00 p.m., June 25, by C. E. Holman . . . Seattle, one, by Mrs. Florence Frye . . . Another over Portland — by Viva Anderson and Betty MacManneman.

IN IOWA, at Keokuk, by three men, over the airport, three discs on July 2, in the evening . . . at Sioux City, June 28, one, about 5:00 or 5:30 p.m., by Mrs. H. F. Angus.

Two more in California . . . One in Spokane, July 5, . . . Sherbrooke, Quebec, no name or details . . . The newspapers cannot even ardl. On June 6, the published totals of states which had reported discs varied from 11 to 33 . . . Over Los Angeles, one shaped like a lima bean, 8:30 p.m., July 4, by Herman V. Friede . . . Three or four over Friendship Heights, Maryland, about midnight July 4-5, by David Atamian . . . One over Bethesda, Md., by Jack Labous . . . One over Pattonville, Mo., July 5, by Nova Hart . . . At Casper, Wyo., 8:00 p.m. July 3, by Mrs. Margaret McCleod . . . Same night, one over Baltimore, Md., seen by three persons . . . At Clifton, Colo., two seen by twelve persons, 11:45 a.m., July 4 . . . Same date, 11:00 p.m., one over Denver, by Mrs. John N. Perrin . . . Another pilot, this one anonymous, saw one over Colorado Springs, July 4 . . . IN NEW JERSEY, July 6, night, two, by an Elizabeth policeman . . . In New York State, Rochester, July 6, night, by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ohley . . . At Chicago, 8:45 a.m., June 25, by Mrs. Nels Thor, visible 12 minutes, drifted slowly . . .

2:00 a.m. June 26, a ball of fire, five or six times larger than the moon, South of Chicago, by Mrs. J. M. Harrison. It broke up into "two or three dozen smaller disks".

Eight discs were reported to have landed near St. Maries, Idaho, July 6, but none was found (say the papers). Mrs. Walter Johnson of Dishman, Wash., said that she and nine other people witnessed the fall. Each object was as large as a five-room house . . . Many people saw two groups in the Wallaceburg area of SW Ontario . . . Washington, D. C., one at 8:40 p. m., July 6, by Hazen Kennedy . . . Another picnic — 26 people — near Allegan, Mich., saw "a score" of them . . . One over San Bernardino valley, no time, July 6, by Mrs. M. C. Gibford and some children . . . Houston, Texas, 15 of them, by Mrs. W. F. Parchman and others . . . George Kuger, Denver, reported one flying American flag . . . Selby, Montana, flying in formation, 3:30 a. m., July 6, by Delba Williams . . . Near Logansport, Indiana, this one roared, Robert Miller, age 14 . . . Lewistown, Idaho, same date, by crowds of people. Weatherman said they were seeds! . . . Tempe, Ariz., one landed and took off, aceto Frances Howard and family. "Too small to contain a pilot." . . . Birmingham, Ala., 400 people called a radio station to report groups of from 3 to 15, "like fluorescent balls," night of July 6 . . . Sioux Falls, S. D., July 6, mid-afternoon, one, by Gregory Zimmer. Joe Foss gave chase in a plane but couldn't catch it.

Still — Howard W. Blakeslee, AP Science Editor, with the inveterate and incorrigible hysteria of his profession, wrote a column July 6 to prove that all these people were either dreaming or seeing lights reflected from clouds, etc. A more flagrant attempt at hush-hush has not been read since Congress whitewashed Pearl Harbor.

Credit goes to Dr. Harry A. Steckel, Syracuse psychiatrist. He stated that it was nothing short of ridiculous to attribute so much sound evidence to "mass hysteria".

The term "mass hysteria" had been applied off and on from the start. After the hysterical camera of Frank Ryman had produced a photograph of one symptom, the phrase appeared even more often. July 6, the Washington *Star* editorialized on "A Midsummer Daydream?" and all the following cliches were tossed about as promiscuously as the discs . . . "discounted as fantastic, army skeptical, scoff, doubt story," Portland *Oregonian*, "saucer-jitters," Roanoke *World-News*, "phenomena reported due to crackpot," Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*, "spots before the eyes," Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, "atom experiments or bunk?" Washington *Times-Herald*, "prank of nature," N. Y. *Times*, "wild tales," Chicago *Sun*, "eyes fooling you," Seattle *Times*, "trick of the eyes," Buffalo *Evening News*, "no such thing," Hamilton

(Ont.) *Spectator*, "fevered imagination -- prop wash," *Toronto Globe and Mail*, "discs or delusions?" *Chicago Times*, "tall stories," *Liverpool Echo*, "just a hoax," *Washington Times-Herald*, "disc hysteria akin to atom fear," *Seattle Star*, "seeing things," *Manchester Guardian*, "lot of Bologna," *Buffalo Courier-Express*, "apple-saucers," *Buffalo Evening News*, "haunt," *Toronto Globe and Mail*, "craze," *Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator*, "modern outbreak of folklore," *Sioux City (Ia.) Journal*, "fear figments," *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, "mass hoax," *Baltimore American*, "operation twinkle," *Manchester Guardian*.

Morris Breh, writing to the *Chicago Tribune*, has the good sense to say -- we are talking about sending space-ships to other planets, why is it not a good bet that older planets than Earth are sending ships here?

The *Los Angeles Examiner* made the baldest attempt to date (July 6) to pin the discs on Russia. It produced a letter purporting to indicate that those Damned Reds not only had discs but "controlled radio-active clouds" as well. A Russian is referred to who wanted to sell 18 polar bear pelts. . . . He "was said to have related that he was assigned to go over the route which the lethal cloud had passed and pick up dead animals!"

Acampo, Calif., July 6, just before dawn, a great roaring sound, a glow in the sky -- and every electric light in town went out. (Just mass hysteria.)

Miami, Fla., July 7, "several" 10 or 15 feet in diameter, by Fred Walsh from Boston.

Buffalo, N.Y., July 7, early morning, anonymous phone call to police, one seen by four men.

Ottawa, Canada, June 26, 10:00 p.m. Mrs. Larry Laviolette, family and friend, "it lasted about five minutes".

Dr. C. S. Beals, "Dominion (of Canada) Astronomer", pointed out that "it seems strange that not one scientist, as far as I know, has reported seeing them". We call Dr. Beals' attention to the report of meteorologist E. E. Ungar of Louisville, Ky., as early as July 1. . . . On July 7, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* mentions "a Saskatoon eye specialist and his staff", saw six or seven going East July 5. If an "eye specialist" doesn't know what he sees who does?

Charles T. Hamlet, Kingsport, Tenn., saw discs two years ago.

July 6, 1917 old style, this notice was posted at the Peninsula Airport, Newport News: "Two thousand feet vertical and horizontal clearance required between aircraft operating from this field and any 'flying saucers'." Probably intended as a wag, the net effect of obeying the rule would preclude the possibility of examination.

"Practical jokers" were accused of ad-

ding to the confusion, and under this head the *Sante Fe New Mexican* entered the report of Rev. Joseph Brasky, a Catholic priest of Grafton, Wis., who heard an explosion (called "mild") and found a circular saw blade in his yard. The saw was "still warm", but after it cooled was found to be fitted with wires and "gadgets". The *Chicago Herald-American* stated that the saw had struck the lightning rod of the church.

Also in the jester class, if you believe L. T. Eliel, described as a "Los Angeles executive" and an "apologetic vice-president", is the story of a "saucer" torn apart over Montana by the prop-wash of Vernon Baird's plane. The incident was told by Baird on July 6. The boss heard about it and "apologized" July 7.

In Chicago, a woman reported one "with legs", perhaps an unfortunate figure of speech referring to landing gear. . . . At least 30 Chicagoans claimed to see discs -- George Wilkensen, at 11:15 p.m., July 6. . . . Geraldine Carlin, ten residents of one hotel, Andrew Wolfe, Charles Allen. . . . In Milwaukee, John Bosch, shortly after midnight July 6-7, two of them. . . . When women in Rutland, Vermont, and Cambridge, Mass., had reported one, and a group, respectively, the roll-call of states was almost complete. Only the *Wyoming State-Tribune* was boasting that no citizen of its bailiwick had been so giddy.

White paper pressed into disks, "like locomotive packing washers", were seen to fall in East St. Louis, Ill. J. T. Hartley picked up some -- 11 inches in diameter with a 2-inch hole in the center.

Most of the reports continued to come from the West. . . . "Dozens" over the San Francisco Bay area; including three reports by policemen of San Leandro

. . . Mrs. R. M. Wagner of Alameda reported a slow one, the third of that description. . . . Over Mount Tamalpais. . . . At Mill Valley. . . . Berkeley, Piedmont, Richmond, etc. The most complete list of this group with names and addresses of witnesses is in the *Oakland Tribune*, July 7. There, also, you will find a picture of something alleged to have flown into the newspaper office window. The caption is facetious and the object unidentifiable. . . . A physicist, Dr. Raymond T. Birge, U of Cal., is quoted as saying that space-ships would come into Earth's atmosphere at the rate of seven miles a second and so be consumed. Accordingly, these are not space-ships. (Then, when molten metal falls white hot, no "expert" thinks to connect that phenomenon with the doctor's dictum.)

Four over Seattle, late in the afternoon, July 6. . . . Over Palmdale, Calif., a "mother" disk with four or five "babies" which cavorted around her, acco Mrs. Amy Herdliska, July 7. She told her story by phone to the Lancaster Sheriff's office: "Quite politely, the deputies thanked Mrs. Herdliska for passing along the enlightening information." (which is delicately implying that the lady is batty or that deputy sheriffs can be polite if the

occasion warrants. BUT, hold! what is this?) Tacoma, Wash., July 7, 2:30 a.m., two police patrol car officers, Stan Johnson and Evan Davies, said "a central saucer appeared to act as a sort of flagship. . . toward it, the other discs would fly, then race southward." (Maybe the deputy sheriffs owe Mrs. Herdliska an apology for being so damned polite.) . . . Four more individuals and another picnic party reported objects over Portland during the week-end July 5-7. . . . David Bascom of Oakland. . . . Mrs. Robert Turley, Albany, Calif. . . . Dr. A. K. Carr, chief of the division of animal husbandry, State Dept. of Agriculture (thus, a scientist, in a sense), saw two over Sacramento. . . . Two more in Seattle, July 7. Details, names, etc., *Seattle Times*. . . . A former Utah State Treasurer, Oliver (Oliver?) G. Ellis, a group over Salt Lake City. . . . Five over Hagerstown, Md., by Mrs. Madelyn Ganoe. . . . Over Gettysburg, Pa., observed by another picnic party, 8 people, 3:30 p.m., July 6 or 7, five or six discs. . . . A Delaware flier, Forrest Wenyon of Rehoboth Beach, stated that he had seen "one last September and the second on June 2." . . . One over Philly, by Henry Quinn. . . . One over Phillipsburg, N. J., by Margaret Isarek and her father. . . . Pocatello, Idaho, July 6, just after dawn, one the size of a wagon wheel landed lightly on the ground in front of H. C. McLean. It "jerked" ahead of him about 20 yards and rose swiftly into the air. Six other people in Pocatello saw discs in flight that morning. . . . Louis Stebbins, Glens Falls, N. Y., now thinks he and his neighbors saw one on June 25.

The newspapers of July 7, put three sets of people to work on the story, the cartoonists, the funny columnists, and "inquiring reporters". The *Chicago Times* ran an artist's version of the saucers the full width of its front page. If the public was not yet hysterical, it wasn't the editors' fault. . . . The *Chicago Daily News* assigned Robert Faherty to making sad fun on the "saucer and cup" angle, and assigned William J. Percival to belittling the data by reference to Gestalt psychology.

Walter Winchell wrote a special column for INS, a glorified plug for R. Dewitt Miller's book, *Forgotten Mysteries*, which misfired somewhat by misnaming the author.

One "Jahherwock" in the N. Y. *Journal-American* got off a series of quips on the well-worn theme of reporters expense accounts.

A thoroughly misinformed AP man in Chicago "discovered" that rare book, *THE BOOK OF THE DAMNED*, in the Newberry Library.

MFS Farnsworth was quoted, more to the purpose, in Chicago papers, the interview then being picked up by UP.

Radio commentators, somewhat more alert than the scribes, had been mentioning Charles Fort in their broadcasts, and on July 7 (which was July 23, 17 FS) Your Secretary was on the telephone

most of the day talking to reporters and broadcasters, or answering their telegrams. Permission to quote Fort at any length was freely granted.

The cat was out of the bag on July 7, as revealed by the activities of "inquiring reporters" taking samplings of the public mind in — at least — Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles. People were stopped on the street corners in each of those cities and asked — not if they had seen saucers, but — what they thought about the subject: a typical Gallup poll check-up to test the "progress" of the campaign. The results must have been disappointing to the Great Minds engineering the business. For an "hysterical public", the people questioned were amazingly calm about it all. The only sucker who mentioned Russia was a 12 year-old boy.

In Houston, Texas, Norman Hargrave was having trouble with a reporter from the *Chronicle*, or vice versa. On July 6, as was first stated, Hargrave found an "aluminum" disk, twenty inches in diameter and six inches thick, bearing these words: "NON-EXPLOSIVE . . . Military secret of the United States of America, Army Air Forces M4439658. Anyone damaging or revealing description or whereabouts of this missile subject to prosecution by the U. S. Government. Call collect at once, LD 446, Army Air Forces Depot, Spokane, Washington."

Having revealed so much, according to the *Chronicle*, the man changed his story next day, saying it had been a joke.

Also "found on the ground", July 5, in Pickway County, Ohio, by Sherman Campbell — "a six-pointed star, 50 inches high and 48 inches wide, covered with tinfoil". This was "identified" as an object for measuring wind velocity.

The Washington D. C. *Post* editorialized, quoting Dr. Newbern Smith of the Bureau of Standards. He was "satisfied that the whole thing is just one of those mass illusions like the Lockness sea monster" . . . So — boys and girls — no matter how many times you may have seen *Norrie*, she wasn't there. She is a "mass illusion".

In Nevada a survey team trained its transits on a "mass illusion" and estimated that it was going 900 mph, July 7.

Dayton, Ohio, July 8: Orville Wright, co inventor of the airplane, said the saucers were part of a Government campaign "to get us into another war". That automatically nominates Mr. Wright for Fellowship in the Society for the year 17 FS.

Four, at 2:00 a.m. July 7, Portland, by Malcom Morrill . . . One, same city, 10:30 a.m., by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Postal . . . Somebody in Kansas boasted that no disks had been seen there . . . F. S. Cotton, Professor of Physiology, University of Sydney, Australia, taught a class of 22 how to see saucers, July 7. The technique is simply staring into space. That night six persons in Sydney who had not attended the "lesson" claimed

to have seen flying saucers . . . One over St. Catharines, Ont., 10:30 p.m., July 7, by W. S. Grillis . . . Several persons saw them over Mexico City, Mexico, July 7 . . . Rewards totalling \$3000 had been posted for "capture" of a disk, but who was to pass upon authenticity is not stated . . . Asheville, Greensboro and Raleigh in North Carolina, reported disks, July 8, and the same day, "the army air force" at Roswell, N.M., stated that it had found one on a ranch near there, as printed in the Wyoming State *Tribune*. The N. Y. *Herald-Tribune* must not have such good facilities for gathering information as its sister paper in Wyoming, for on the same date it stated that none had been found.

A "guided missiles expert", Dr. C. J. Zohn and "two fellow scientists" said they had spotted one near White Sands, June 29 . . . Five more over Denver, July 8 . . . The Roswell "disk" was passing from hand to hand, going higher in authority at each pass . . . More "hundreds" of persons reporting in Seattle. Oddly, perhaps, the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* did not find space for the story told by H. C. McLean, Pocatello, Idaho, July 6, until its issue of July 8 . . . Saucers seen over Stockholm, July 7 (?) . . . It took the army and the weather bureau a long time (until July 8) to come up with the announcement that the "disk" found over three weeks before on a Roswell, N. M., ranch was a weather kite. If the public is "hysterical" enough to swallow that explanation, it deserves the scorn the "experts" have been piling on it. The Buffalo *Courier-Express* did not even print the stop-press flash of the finding of the Roswell "disk" until its issue of July 9, although the weather-kite explanation appeared in the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* that same morning. Another case of getting the flimsy on the wrong hook? Even the four-hour difference in time between Buffalo and Seattle should be ample to permit both cities to synchronize their "news". Moreover, by the time the Buffalo public was reading about the "find", papers elsewhere were asserting that the Army "Looney" who reported it had been taken over the bumps by Washington, D. C. for telling about it. The time-lag may have been the fault of the *Courier-Express*, however, because on July 10th, that paper printed a drawing of a disk which appeared in other papers July 7.

Another time-lag is observable in that H.F.S. Russell sends a piece from the Liverpool *Daily Post* of July 8, containing a story under a Chicago dateline which was not printed in U. S. papers until August 4. At least, the earliest mention in Your Secretary's hands is August 4, when the story is contradicted (sic). The *Post* states that "a piece of rocklike metal, alleged to have dropped from one of the flying saucers . . . arrived here today for analysis by metallurgists of Chicago U." It was sent by Harold Dahl, Tacoma, Wash., who said it was dropped in heavy rain June 25 over Puget Sound — from a huge circular flying machine. He saw five objects rotating around a sixth (poor Mrs.

Herdiska! we must be so polite to her). Then the center ship began trailing a substance that rained down on the water and shore. Pieces of the metallic rain smashed a hole in the wheelhouse of Dahl's boat and broke a searchlight lens. (Keep that in mind. We'll be back to it.)

July 9 . . . Saucers in Johannesburg, South Africa. Toronto *Globe and Mail* . . . In Zabool, Shosef and Sarbisheh, near the Afghan frontier — "star-like bodies which exploded loudly, leaving a cloud of smoke." . . . Lloyd Bennett of Oelwein, Ia., claimed (but apparently did not receive) the reward for capturing a disk. He said a piece of metal 6½ inches in diameter swished down through the trees to his lawn . . . Two more in Philly, July 9 . . . Five seen near Kincardine, Ontario, 4:30 a.m. July 9, by Francis Boyle . . . More in Buffalo, N.Y., San Pedro, Calif., Staten Island and Long Island, N. Y. (none over Manhattan yet), Teaneck, N. J.

The first reported over Britain were alleged to have been seen by a vicar's wife (Heal) and a Brighton hotel-keeper, July 9 . . . Something fell in a street of Shreveport, La., an aluminum disc with radio attachments. "Police believed a prankster built a disc and threw it into the street from behind a sign board." . . . All over Kentucky, with a photo in the Los Angeles *Times*, showing streaks of light in the (Kentucky) sky . . . Hunters near Colorado Springs, out of touch with "civilization", saw "scores" of objects in the air, some of which landed. The hunters found "burned out flat plates" at the site but did not bring any back, not knowing that the nation was mass hysterical . . . July 8, twelve seen at noon over Pueblo, Colo.

The Seattle *Star*, July 9: "Reports of flying saucers whizzing through the sky fell off sharply today as the Army and Navy (having made asses of themselves) began a concentrated campaign to stop the rumors."

Same paper, same date: Earl Klempke saw one with a glass dome at 2:30 p. m. yesterday (July 8).

Donald Bruce saw an object streak out of the sky on June 21, as he drove from Erie to Titusville, Pa. He saw it strike the ground. It was white hot. He got a shovel and carried the thing home. The chemistry prof at Allegheny College, Meadville, never had seen the like, did not know what it was. At Gannon College, Erie, Prof. R. H. Mitchell called it "scoria", that is, "solidified frothing from a volcano". Mitchell admitted that "it looked like a meteorite but apparently had no metallic content such as a meteorite should (sic) have."

As the reports died out, Charles Fort came into his own, with editorial comment from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Pensacola, Florida, and radio comment to match. Mighty friendly, most of it. We wish that the editors would make it possible for us to feel as well toward them.

July 10, seven over Buffalo in the afternoon, going West . . . One over San Pedro, Calif., 11:45 a. m., July 8, observed by 5 men, all of whom said that "their attention was attracted to the saucer while they were observing a strange looking bat like bird which they mistook for a seagull" . . . Los Angeles *Herald Express* reports from Seattle that thousands of seagulls have disappeared from Puget Sound, no one knows where they went or why . . . And while we're on the subject of birds disappearing — out of 600 "racing pigeons released at Dinard, France, only 11 reached their destination in Northern Ireland, July 17. Cr Russell.

Science Service, that stronghold of orthodoxy, came up with "after-images" for its explanation — seventeen days after that had been suggested the first time. Fort used to say that the velocity of thought was the slowest phenomenon he ever had encountered, and Science Service wasn't even in existence at that time.

Over Boise, Idaho, on July 10, a man who had been sent to look for discs, Dave Johnson, found one 14,000 feet in the air at the end of a three day search, fruitless until then. It was seen at 12:17 p. m. MST, visible 45 seconds. San Francisco *Call-Bulletin* . . . Eight reports from Colorado on July 10 . . . A lady in Seattle recalled one in August, 1945 old style . . . One over Anchorage, Alaska, July 9. . . . Eighteen reported over East Salem, West Virginia, 9:45 p. m., July 9 . . . More seen the next night about the same time, 9:20 to 10:00 o'clock . . . In North Hollywood, Calif., night of July 9, a 30-inch metal arrangement is alleged to have fallen, spouting fire in the flower bed of Russell Long. The F.B.I. took over. That is all . . . Japan, Chile, Holland, Northern Ireland, all reported objects in the sky July 9 or 10. Chile had one May 19 as well . . . Something fell in Twin Falls, Idaho, 2:30 a.m., July 11. The description is similar to that of Russell Long's find in his flower bed. The police locked it up

. . . More over southern Norway, July 11 . . . Los Angeles newspapers and police still "deluged" with reports July 11 . . . In Seattle, a man was found bleeding, July 11. He said he had been hit by a flying disk. It took 30 stitches to close the wound. "He was booked without charge at the city jail for investigation." That should teach the poor sap to keep his mass hysteria within the bounds set by the editors. Does he by any chance think the United States of Dreamland is a free country?

The Salt Lake *Deseret News* commented on the excellent workmanship of the Twin Falls object minimizing the possibility of a prank. Nevertheless, later that day, four unnamed boys "admitted" they had made it "as a joke".

From 11:00 a.m., all day July 11, more reports over Seattle . . . In England, July 11, a woman reported a large object with smaller saucers "scuttling

along behind" — the London *Times* filed the datum in the wastebasket, and A. M. Low, "past president of the British Inter-Planetary Society" raised an eyebrow . . . One reported over the Bay of Biscay, by a former pilot, July 11 . . . Linden, N. J., something tell July 11, driving Mrs. William H. Scott into the house. Police said it was two pie plates fastened together . . . July 13, the N. Y. *Daily News* began adding to the confusion by sending up balloons . . . Manchuria, France, and Amarillo, Texas, reported "disks", July 13 . . . Over Bologna, Italy, July 11 . . . More over China, 11:00 a.m. July 13 . . . Woodworth, N. Dak., five wags had made up the phoney disk found here, if you wish to accept that standard thought-stopper.

This hardly seemed to be the best time for Fritz Zwicky, Mt. Wilson astronomer to tell how "scientists working under military secrecy" were trying and failing to shoot metal objects off the earth, "beyond the pull of gravity". He sounded off to that effect in San Francisco, July 11 or 12. The N. Y. *Times* states: "There was no indication that the recent test was connected in any way with the current epidemic of flying saucer observations." Well, maybe not, but what *does* become of metal shot at the moon? If it falls back here someplace, who knows where it's going to crash? If it hits a man in the face, he is put in jail . . . Suppose it defies gravity a little bit — just enough to miss a desert and hit Chicago? How do the editors know it won't come through the roof of the *Daily News*?

Four near Pulaski, Va., 9:00 p.m., July 13 . . . Two over Seattle, July 13, one at 1:55 p.m., one 4:15 . . . One over St. James, Manitoba, 3:30 a.m., July 13.

By far the best reporting to hand on the subject comes from MFS John Conly, Science Editor of *Pathfinder* . . . Your Secretary pauses long enough to say that a disparaging reference to the quality of *Pathfinder's* "science" (which appears in his Introduction to the BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT) was valid when it was written and that it applied to the contents for a number of years previously. Since John Conly has been writing it the criticism is no longer justified. We hope they don't fire John just because we like him, but if they should that will teach him to be more hysterical.

John talked to three eye-witnesses, two of whom are mentioned above (Jack La Bous and Dr. C. J. Zohn). All three were reluctant witnesses, that is, not notoriety seekers who wanted to see their names in the paper.

La Bous is a commercial artist, a person trained to use his eyes. He had spent eight of the previous nine years watching airplanes and then drawing them as visual education artist of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. He was on a bus (11:45 a.m. July 5) and saw a four-motored bomber in the sky. He has 20-20 plus-plus vision and can recognize any conventional aircraft as far away

as he can discern it. Habit and training caused him to identify the plane's model and estimate its distance. As he shifted his vision, a glint as from "a mirror in the sun" hit him in the eye. He focused on the object, expecting to see another plane. Instead he saw a shiny, disk-shaped object — "way off over Bethesda (Md.)". He observed it for two minutes, estimated its distance as between 10,000 and 15,000 feet, its size, about the same as that of the bomber. It was moving, but not at speed which would be surprising in a military aircraft. It heeled over, seemed to have a projection, like a short mast, rising from its top axis. LaBous said the disc was travelling "the wrong way". It was not slicing through the air like a scaled plate, but mashing through it, like a kite drawn at a run. He said that even at that distance it seemed to him to be whirling. He was sure of this but he didn't know why.

The second witness Conly spoke to was also an artist, Walter Gretschel, of the *Pathfinder* staff. Monday afternoon, July 7, in the office, Walter argued "very stubbornly" that the things people were "seeing" were in their eyes or in their minds. About 6:00 p.m., he had gone to Rock Creek Park to paint. He was "framing" a likely-looking landscape with his cupped hands — as artists will — when a disk swam into the picture! The laugh was on him, and Walter enjoyed it. The disk didn't mind, but dallied some minutes, then "got away". He thinks it did not "scud" away, but "faded or dwindled out". It was very shiny on its sunlit side, glossy and dark on its shaded side. "It was either spinning unevenly, like a phonograph record with the hole off-center, or else emitting vapor at the edges, or at one edge." He would not guess at its size, distance or speed since he had no knowledge of any one of those elements by which to gauge the other two, but he would say it sailed "slowly".

Conly's third witness was that same Dr. Zohn whom the papers called "a guided missiles expert". He is a physicist in the Naval Research Laboratory's "rocket-sonde" division, and he was the most unwilling to talk of the three men interviewed . . . Dr. Zohn was crossing the desert on his way to White Sands, N. M., June 3, in a car with other men whom the doctor refused to identify, probably uniformed personnel, cautious about seeing anything without Forrestal's okay.

Dr. Zohn, who has had enough prac-

tice to know, said what he saw definitely was not any Navy or Army guided missile or aircraft known to him. "It was like nothing I'd ever seen," he said. He described it as very bright. (He saw it about midday.) It was also high up and moving very fast (like LaBous, Zohn watched from a moving vehicle and thus moved along a fairly long baseline of observation). He said it was as big as an airplane. It travelled toward distant mountains, but "vanished" before it reached them. He didn't know if it was spinning.

Both Zohn and Gretsche, asked about impressions (even if not integrated into definite analogies or images) the disks left with them, said they didn't think they were "solid". But they couldn't say why. None of the three men heard any noise.

Remember the "translucency" reported by the people in Sarnia, Ontario (witness "382 plus" above)? That might have some connection with this impression that the objects were "not solid".

July 14, "a red flare of great size" over the area — Eastham, Bromborough, Chester, in England . . . July 17, one observed by four "against a sky darkened by a freak storm", over Birmingham, England.

The Keene N. H., *Sentinel* July 16, printed the story of metal objects falling on lawns in nearby Rindge and setting them afire, July 14. Eight or ten fires were going simultaneously. More than 50 square feet was burned in one place. Nobody saw the metal fall, but more than a dozen pieces about an inch or so square, all red-hot, were found on the lawn. Tested, the fragments were called "high speed tool steel". No cars were passing. No planes seen within two hours of the time the fires started. The story was not picked up by the wire services. (Cf. Kolvoord.)

July 19 . . . A ball of fire over Louisville, Ky., is described by observers as not a flying saucer.

Life and *Time* split honors for disservice to the human race in their calculated attempt to belittle the phenomena. We lack space to fry them as they deserve.

Over Franklin, Ind., one July 22 . . . A 12-foot piece of steel fell from a building marquee to the sidewalk in Seattle, July 24. The previous evening, at 9:10, a disk seen over Seattle for 10 minutes . . . One near Boise, Idaho, July 29 . . . August 2, the Baltimore *American* re-

legated the whole series of incidents to limbo, under the headline — FLYING DISKS JOIN OTHER MASS HOAXES . . . Also on August 2, the Great Falls (Mont.) *Tribune* published the account of a plane crash near Kelso, Washington, the day before. Two army intelligence officers were killed. They had just left Kenneth Arnold (the man who saw nine disks June 24) and E. J. Smith (the pilot who chased disks July 4) . . . Aug. 3, the Los Angeles *Times* printed a story to the effect that "classified material" regarding the flying disks was destroyed in the fatal crash, but the source of the information declined to comment on the rumor that the plane carried fragments of a disk found on the ground.

Now it is time to remember the metal that cracked the wheelhouse and searchlight lens on Harold Dahl's boat in Puget Sound, off Tacoma, Wash., June 25. Dahl had sent the stuff to Chicago, accto the Liverpool *Daily Post* of July 8 . . . E. J. Smith was in Chicago July 7 . . . (Back to Aug. 3 in the LA *Times*) "At Boise a newspaper quoted Smith as saying that he gave the two (dead) officers six pieces of metal or lava (sic! "scoria" perhaps?) which may have been parts of a crashed disk". . . August 4, the Pittsburgh *Press* states that "a man who was reported to have given the Army pieces of a flying saucer said today it was only rocks he had found on a beach." Further along in the same story: "He was reported to have said the fragments were obtained from Harold Dahl and Fred L. Crisman of Tacoma, who reported the pieces had struck their boat." (No date of that incident indicated. We take June 25 from the Liverpool *Daily Post*.)

FINALE!

The N. Y. *Times*, Aug. 10: "Reports that flying discs struck and destroyed a small boat . . . near Tacoma . . . have been disproved through official investigation . . ."

Who ever said it was destroyed?

"Lieut. Col. Donald L. Springer . . . conducted the investigation."

What about the two dead men and their evidence destroyed near Kelso, Washington? Their names were Davidson and Brown, not Springer.

"A formal statement said: 'Headquarters of the Fourth Air Force announces there is not sufficient evidence or testimony available to headquarters to conclude whether or not reports of so-called

'flying discs' had any basis in fact. In view of this, headquarters will not pursue this particular Tacoma investigation any further.'" . . . Probably all that Dahl wanted the Army to do was pay for repairs to his boat.

Nonetheless —

"Colonel Springer brought back a sack of specimens, apparently molten metal, which were found on the beach (sic! observe too that the names of Dahl, Smith and Kenneth Arnold do not occur in this story.) . . . He said he had no idea of the source of these specimens (we should send him a subscription to the Liverpool *Daily Post*.), but noted that they were abundant in the area which is adjacent to a smelter." The italics are Your Secretary's.

Credit for the data digested above goes to Members — McMahon, Bond, Carr, Markham, W. Anderson, Conly, White, Winn, Bump, Hefferlin, Brooks, Hill, Scharpen, Matheson, Mills, Moore, Panfilio, Bernard, Pallard, Boeller, Shaw, E. Wilson, Stockton, Rogers, Hatley, Bath, Bain, Oliver, Hehr, Tighe, Bennett, Goodwin, Ford, Kerr, Hurst, Hall, Wallace, Williams, Fransworth, Darrell, Powel, Tobey, Russell, Bowie-Reed, Niehus, Willets, Morrison, Walker, Herbert, Rathbun, Plewucha, Kemp, Goldstein, Wakefield, L. Adams, Rayner, Hoernlein, Bloch, Hulse, Sheeley, Ferguson, Fergus, Olteher, I. O. Evans, Elsander, Reagan and twelve or more non-members.

AT THE SAME TIME

What else was happening — Forteanly — while the disks were flying?

2-18-17 FS, what is called an "asteroid" but those Damned Reds about 250 miles N of Vladivostok (where there aren't many people). "A considerable forest was destroyed." 30 craters, largest about 80 ft. in diameter, 28 ft. deep. An estimated 1000 tons of matter is buried there and fragments have been brought to civilization.

Between that time and press date, quakes have not been more numerous or more violent than usual, but volcanos have been especially active. San Francisco Bay Area was shaken sharply at 3:29 p.m., June 22, old style, and a column of fire and ash shot (an estimated) 45,000 feet in the air over Cerro Negro in Managua, the night of July 25, (See above for "scoria" near Erie, Pa., on June 21.)

Sunspots continued active throughout,

one which crossed the face of the sun . . . between March 31 and April 13, was the largest recorded since Greenwich Observatory began charting (them) in 1874." . . . Two brilliant auroral displays were reported in England, 4-27-17 FS, and 8-6-17 FS, but the only one seen in the U. S., was mild.

Explosions continued to be inexplicably frequent, and plane crashes were so numerous and so deadly that Your Secretary wondered if the flying disks were not hurried into the air to give the airlines an alibi. If they were, the proprietors have not yet availed themselves of it, although possibility of a connection is mentioned here and there.

Torrential rains have been rampant all over the world. A record for the United States was set in Louisiana, 15½ inches in 6 hours, June 19, old style; and in London, England, "wooden paving blocks . . . were so soaked that dozens of them exploded with roars like small bombs", June 29, old style . . . A single flash of lightning injured 50 persons, July 6, Colorado Springs, Colo., and as early as June 15, the *Chicago Tribune* complained that SCIENCE JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN THIS WEATHER . . .

Invisible comets continued to be discovered, and announced by Harvard with a perfectly straight face. We have four, plus something called a "comet" over Bombay, India, 6-20-17 FS. That would be June 7, old style, before the disks were being called discs here. About 9:00 p.m., "a dazzling object emitting blue and red light," fifteen minutes later, another, only blue light. "The latter was round in shape, whereas the first one was similar shape but accompanied by several smaller-sized ones." Another account says six smaller sized ones. *Time of India*, June 7. (They get hysterical early in India—or shall we even be more polite to Mrs. Herdiska?)

An AP despatch dated in Boston, June 28, states that a U. S. Weather Bureau aide at Portland, Maine, has announced that in South America "tonight", the moon would "occult" Jupiter, the two bodies now being in conjunction. This is called a "rare performance". Our datum comes from the Los Angeles *Times*.

No mention of discs occurs in the accounts of whatever it was that hit Adams County, Pa., near Harrisburg, 4-11-17 FS, between 10:15 and 10:30 p.m. Trees were blasted, wire fence ob-

literated, balls of fire rolled around inside houses, "rain poured in torrents" from a moonlit sky.

5-1-17 FS, a resident of Madison, Conn., saw a "stubby" plane fall into Long Island Sound, before 11:20 a.m. Search revealed nothing, and no plane reported missing.

The following day, people "for several miles around Troyes, France," reported "a flying bomb which dived into the ground and exploded". The British said it couldn't be one of theirs — they were shooting their "experimental projectiles" over the North Sea *exclusively!*

Three days later, April 24, old style, two chunks of metal crashed in Winnipeg, Canada. One weighed 15 pounds and came through a house roof where a lady was giving a piano lesson. The other, alleged to be two feet long, came down a few houses away, lopping off a limb of a tree. One piece looks like a chunk broken out of a fly-wheel.

What is called a "meteor" was visible *half an hour* over Bridger Mountains near Bozeman, Montana, May 5, old style, from 3:30 p.m. "It's head was bright white flame" and it "made a searing sound", came out of the SE and disappeared back of Mt. Baldy . . . Later reports by other observers called the object a plane. But whatever passed over Los Angeles May 10, at 7:26 p.m., was called a meteor by the local Bishop of Astronomy, Clemminshaw of the Griffith Observatory.

June 27, old style, at 2:50 in the morning, a blast in the streets of Harrisburg — near Adams County, Pa., see above — could not be assigned to any earthly origin by the local police. "Hundreds" were wakened by it. No damage or debris located.

July 2: see two "bombs" at Wittman, Maryland, in the previous article.

July 6, see lights of the entire town of Acampo, Calif., extinguished after an explosion, etc., in the article above.

July 16, see fire and metal on the lawns of Rindge, N. H., in the article above.

The ballistics for the period were as numerous as ever, one baby killed in its bed, another in its grandfather's arms . . . Condensed, the record runs:

In SEATTLE, 4-2-47 old style, "boy with rifle shot into his auto, is policeman's opinion". No boy, no rifle, no bullet found. The glass was cracked.

Just outside Rugby, England, through a train window, 4-5-47. No mention of metal found, but "bullet" blamed.

On State Street in Chicago, "shot in the abdomen" May 31, Charles Mitchell, 51. He died. Called "mystery shot".

In Baltimore, June 1, through train windows, three injured. Said to have been "stones".

Memphis, June 2, "a 22-caliber bullet pierced the baby's skull while he was being rocked in his grandfather's arms". The "stray" bullet was removed from the brain.

Near St. Joseph, Mo., June 6, a brakeman on a moving train, killed. No shooter could be found.

La Plata, Md., June 13. One entered a hospital window and hit John Harvey, patient in the right knee. "Found a stray bullet had struck him," but DID THEY FIND THE "BULLET"?

Nanking, June 16. "A mortar shell, its source unknown, killed 15 students . . ." when it landed on the campus.

Santa Monica, June 16. An amphibious plane was shot down "by a single bullet" which struck the propeller and forced a crash landing. That one wasn't found.

Pittsburgh, June 15, Ernest Pettus felt a sting in his side. Detained in hospital "suffering a superficial gunshot wound". No sound, no gun, no reason.

In SEATTLE, June 23. One came through the wall of a house and "seriously wounded" James L. Hanson. He said he heard one hit the house just before he was struck by the "second one".

St. Louis, Mo., June 28. Kenneth Morris was watching the Cardinals play Cincy at night: felt a pain in his right knee (that's two right knees in this batch).

Dallas, Texas, June 28. Mary Lane McCarter, *ae* 5, was asleep on the porch. "A .38-calibre bullet was found — near the heart".

In SEATTLE, July 2, see article above about Jock Scruggs.

In SEATTLE, July 15, a window in a small yacht, about 10:15 a.m.

A "second" red rain fell in France, 5-14-17 FS: for the "first" see DOUBT #18.

A boa constrictor, 6½ feet long was found dead, May 9, under the marquee

of the Eastman Theatre, Rochester, N. Y.

A rain of honey in Rovigo, Italy, June 14. "A similar phenomenon a few days before 100 miles away." (Mass hysteria.)

New York, June 21. Thousands of food parcels "raining" on the U. S., from starving Mediterranean countries. Between 100,000 and 160,000 pounds of food — "thousands of parcels from Greece". The delicatessens over there must be as enterprising as those in N.Y.C.

Thousands of mice swarming over Australia, 4-10-47 old style . . . Hundreds of thousands of frogs, Wrexham and Waltham, England, June 23 . . . Caterpillars, all over England, May 28 *et seq* . . . Locusts, El Salvador, June 1 . . . Maggots in the street at Gateshead, England, July 1 . . . Headline in the *Daily Herald*, 5-31-47: INSECT SWARMS BAFFLE SCIENCE.

In Pendleton, Oregon, and vicinity — crickets! . . . Seagulls flew 300 miles along the Columbia River to help the farmers save their crops. *Oakland Post-Enquirer*, May 23 . . . May 28, *Seattle Times*, that the gulls have gone to eat crickets "did not satisfy the scientific mind of Dr. Arthur Szihla, U of Wash." He says they've gone away to nest . . . July 8, see article above, the gulls are still missing from Seattle and Tacoma.

July 17, a "friendly" seagull on the beach in SEATTLE permitted Ted Heib to pick him up. When the beach party was over the bird "waddled to the water and paddled off into the dark". No injuries could be found, but the bird was not seen to fly . . . A "tame" gull was reported at East Sleekburn, England, March 17, old style.

July 17, see disappearance of 589 racing pigeons in article above.

Oakland, Calif., May 14. Wild birds and caged birds toppled over dead in a two-block area of the residential district . . . The deaths were "traced (sic) to a freak gas pocket". Dr. Stanford P. Farnsworth, city health officer, said: "It probably couldn't happen again in a hundred years." Only the *Oakland Journal* had the curiosity to ask "What generated (the) gas?"

A stench over Newark, unexplained, April 1, old style.

Horses in the police stables of Pittsburgh suffered a "cough epidemic" (mass hysteria) July 3.

A "ghost plane" was reported over

England April 29. It had been making its mark on "radar" since January. Passes at midnight, always, going inland. Never returns — on "radar", that is.

"Lambent blue flashes" were observed on the crests of waves off Puri, India, June 4, midnight, by P. K. Senapati. He never had seen anything like it before. *Calcutta Statesman*.

Two bodies of water disappeared — the reservoir at Mayport, Cumberland, England, March 26, old style, and a lake at Hagerstown, Md., June 4 . . . On May 29 and 30, Lake Michigan was having a setch for itself. Rose 7 feet in 10 minutes at Kenosha, Wis.

July 3, see above for a burning ship never found and never missed, off Sonoma County, Calif., and Add:

March 15, Bridlington, England, the life-savers went to look for the source of flares. Nothing there. June 3, a yacht sank at Cowes, no reason. Raised — it showed no holes under "every possible expert examination".

July 6, a bleeding whale floated on to the beach at Rockaway, N. Y. Conjecture, that it had been hit by a ship or cut in a fight with 'another whale . . . However, April 24, *Daily Mail*: "Twenty thousand poison-gas bombs which for more than two years have alarmed Denby Dale, Yorkshire, are now being dumped into the sea."

April 24, *Reynolds News*: "The sudden disappearance of cod and other . . . fish . . . is puzzling old hands . . . Another puzzle is the quantity of dead fish being picked up in the Dogger Bank area . . . Dumping of war materials, especially poison gas, in the sea may have affected the fish."

In SEATTLE, July 7, "two-tone" tides DECLARED HARMLESS . . . Jacksonville (Fla.) *Journal*, July 1. Poison Red Tide Kills Millions of Fish . . . "emits a poisonous gas thought to be dangerous to humans".

By far the most prominent series of data, next only to the saucers, is the grist on the "Gulf Coast Red Tide (which) Defies Defense". It began April 10, and has scarcely abated. "Probes" have started everywhere, but they won't learn much because — "Elmer Higgins, Interior Department chief of fishery biology . . . told a reporter the Fish and Wildlife Service has virtually ruled out any possibility that the deaths are due to man-made causes, such as the dumping

of chemical into the sea . . . Some Floridians have suggested the Army and Navy are pouring war surplus munitions into the Gulf off lower Florida. This was denied." . . . Had enough?

In the road near Everett, Washington (scene of a massacre of IWW men some years ago), a girl was found lying, "suffering from shock". She told them she believed she was struck by a black sedan, May 19, very old style.

In SEATTLE, June 23, the day before Kenneth Arnold saw discs, residents saw "a halo around the sun".

In SEATTLE, July 8, a bottle of water is alleged to have focused the sun's rays and set a car afire. The *Post-Intelligencer* states that: "It happens at least once every year in Seattle . . ." Funny town, isn't it? . . . July 11, a man was put in jail for being hit by a disc . . . July 12, a building began falling apart (see article above).

April 21, by allegation, the bodies of Goering and ten other Germans supposed to have been hanged, were cremated and their ashes were thrown into the River Isar at a secret place by four anonymous generals of the so-called "victorious" nations.

May 4, the Mexican National School of Medicine abolished vivisection.

May 27, the Supreme Soviet of Russia abolished capital punishment in the Soviet Union. The *Manchester Guardian* is the only paper which reached us with that announcement.

July 11, Niagara Falls. No names or addresses, but the *Toronto Daily Star* states that "a dozen or so" foot marks about 10 inches in diameter, 3 feet apart, were discovered over a section of a woman's garden. "They came to a dead end."

Aug. 9-12 inclusive. As usual for many years, the Perseids were a bust.

Credit — C. Williams, Kerr, McMahon, Bloch, Elsener, Russell, Hornlein, Otcher, Morrison, TenBroeck, Wallace, Ferguson, Patterson, E. A. Anderson, Wakefield, Hall, Rogers, Reagan, and others, especially non-member Surrency.

After January first 18 FS, it will be necessary to charge \$5.00 for THE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT. The manufacturer states that costs make this advance necessary. All orders received by the Society before January 1, will be filled at \$4.00.

MORE NOTES of CHARLES FORT

The material on this page and those following comes from the MSS notes of Charles Fort. The notes begin with the year 1800 AD, and we are printing them chronologically, transcribed to the best of our ability. As you have observed from the several we have produced in facsimile—life size—the handwriting is difficult, to say the least; many are written in symbols and code, a personal shorthand. Each date is on a separate scrap of paper. They fill 32 boxes. The boxes are in two series, one numbered, one identified by letters of the alphabet. The numbered boxes contain records of non-human phenomena, the others, records of persons. It is our device to alternate the two series so that the printed record is chronologically consecutive.

The letters BA refer to Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which many US libraries have. The numerals, such as '11 or '61, etc., in connection with BA sometimes refer to volume number, sometimes to year. In applying for this material at your public library, mention that to the attendant and you should have no difficulty.

Back numbers of DOUBT contain all the notes to the point where we begin below. Subsequent issues will continue them until the 32 boxes are printed.

1843

Box 2 (Continued)

- Mar 18 Mr. Forster, astronomer of Brugg, is quoted in the Magazine of Science 5 p. 13 — that the light that had been appearing on horizon an hour after sunset (reverse) did not belong to a comet. "It is a zodiacal light". Said that from the Cambridge Observatory Mr. Glaisher had written expressly this opinion.
- 20 Hamburg Fireball BA 60
- 25 Bishopville, S. Car. / Meteorite / (F)
- 27 bet 3 & 4 a.m. Meteor of great size from S to N passed over illuminating Savannah Niles Nat Reg. Apr 8.
- 28 (Fr) Meurthe Deuville Quake BA '11
- 31 3 large brilliant meteors passed over Detroit. One exploded with sounds like cannon fire (reverse) Niles Nat. Regist Ap 15.
- April 1 Bombay/etc Great quake BA '11
- 1 Quake and loud sound like thunder / Deccan, India (reverse) at 4:30 a.m. Bombay Monthly Times April p. 55
- 6 Quake Belg Ciclett 8/58
- 6 2 a.m. shocks in Holland LT 14, p. 4.
- 14 Clermont, France Fireball N

- 20-30 to E quick / BA '60
- 20-30 Midnight / Perth / 22 miles from Comrie / 1/2 hour "alarmsing noise" unnatural kind of screaming in the sky (reverse) said been an uncommonly numerous flight of wild geese. LT May 2, 1843
- May 4 France Large Fireball light equal to sun's BA 60
- 4 2 a.m. Beauregard (upper Saron) Cylindrical luminous body in the sky (reverse) detonations LT 13, p. 7.
- 6 Aurora Eng / meteors followed LT 9, p. 6.
- 6 Great aurora C.R. 16/ 1091 1171
- 6 England Aurora at 11:30 Waving receding to horizon Capella ab Vortex LT May 9, p. 6.
- 6 Leo. Aurora or luminous patch in Leo / England Times 44/282
- 6 Brussels / elliptical, luminous cloud in south — aurora in north LT May 13, p. 7
- 17-21 At Turin enormous "tombillons de grains". C.R. 17-127
- June One of the largest sunspots ever seen Timbs Y.B. 1872/260
- June Epidemic influenza U.S. Ruhgeo -- Phil Jour June 21, 1893 p. 1.
- Ab 1st Eastbourne / Storm St Elmo's / brilliant illumination of a mill. LT June 3, p. 6.
- June 2 Utrecht 8 p.m. 2 stars fell BA 60-80 See May 1827
- June One of the largest of sunspots in minimum period A J Sci 3/1/275 (reverse) Sc Am 24/272
- June 6 Op Mars (A 1)
- 9 LT p. 5 LT 13, p. 8 Flood in Wales
- 15 A flying machine reported? Lt Gazette 1843/421
- Box A (Resumed)
- 10 On a vessel ab 50 miles from Southwold in a heavy gale a pigeon (reverse) sought refuge upon a pilot boat. On a wing feather was stamped in Roman character ONOKNEEROR. Liverpool Journal July 1
- Box 2 (Resumed)
- 20 Lt p. 5. Atmosphere phe.
- 21 Parma Fireball BA 60
- Box A (Resumed)
- 21 LT p. 7. Myst case
- Box 2 (Resumed)
- 22 Utrecht Fireball BA 60 See June 2
- 23 California quake BA '11
- 24 Nothing in Liverpool Courier nor Liverpool Journal.
- 24 Living / severe thu storm /

Liverpool fall of pebbles and small eels BA 45/21 See Library Gazette 1843-420.

- 20 (F) Manegaum, Khandeish, India Meteorite See July 26

Box A (Resumed)

- 20 LT p. 7. Escape of a wolf at Coventry.
- Box 2 (Resumed)
- 1st July from end of June 1842 / ab 30 shocks at Comrie / none on (indecipherable) B Assoc 1843/120
- July 4 Elfont Alps by Dr. Gerling of Marburg. On moon—"a splendid bright point with a light like a (reverse) fixed star/ Observatory 11/335 See July 15, 1888.
- 5 The storm raged over almost all Great Britain and "tidal waves" in Cornwall and in Scotland (reverse) E T Lowe Treatise on Atmospheric Phe. p. 213
- July 5 & Oct 30 Agitation of sea Plymouth and Penzance See May 3, '09.
- 5 At Mount's Bay (Cornwall?) ab. noon, sudden 'high' wave said been like that at Lisbon in time of the (reverse) quake. Then disturbance for several hours / LT July 21, p. 8 / There were clouds and in morning sounds of a distant thu storm had been heard.
- 6 St. Lawrence River / obi in sky or mirage See Cul. with Objs.
- 7-8 Many meteors Parma BA 47-15 (reverse) 10-12 30 in one hour, at Trezzo, Lombardy 21, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 many, Parma.
- 10 N. Y. Herald Long continued drought in N. Y. region.
- 10 N. Y. Herald - last page. Scarcely any rain in Conn. for 6 weeks.
- 25 Quake Temeswar, Hungary BA '11
- 26 3:30 p.m. Date of Kandeish stone fall in BA '60
- 26 See June 20 Meteorite Manegaum (Khandeish) East Indies Oldham's Catalog of Meteorites.
- 31 Ext high tide Thames LT Aug 2, p. 8.
- July Aerolite fell near Eidelabad (Khandeish) India Trans Bombay Geog. Soc. 9/206
- Aug 4 Prince Ed Island devastating thu storm and hail, some square-shaped (reverse) and 4 to 6 inches in circumference. N. Y. Herald Sept. 1, p. 1
- 5 Stone and flood Delaware Co. Inst. of Sci. 1844-52
- 5 Great rainstorm in flood N Y?

- Delaware Co. Jassig p. 170 para 2
- 6 Westphalia / Met. det. 1:30 a.m. BA '60
- 9 Great storm A lightning storm / no rain? / E J Lowe, Nature Sept 7/1893.
- 9 Thu storm / Leisure Hour 23/509
- 10 Violent shock at Dorristchen same day a trombe at Bagneres de Luchon (reverse) C R 18-397
- 12 bet 7 & 8 a.m. shock and low rumbling sound. Burlington, N. J. Niles Nat. Reg. Aug. 19
- 18 Night / Ohio and Tenn & Ky. Quake and loud noise. Also N. Jersey Niles Nat. Reg. Sept. 9.
- 21 LT 25, p. 3 Stowbridge. Frogs. They were seen to fall and were in immense numbers.
- 21 Birmingham Journal 26th. Frogs. That at Stowbridge fall of little frogs "during the evening and early part of the night. Persons in the streets felt them dropping in the dark, during the (reverse) storm. Said that they were innumerable - all of small size / Stowbridge, Worcestershire / See LT Aug 25, p. 3. 11 miles from Birmingham.
- 30 2 to 3 a.m. London / Great glare in sky but moved about. LT Sept 1, p. 6.
- Sept 2 etc at Zegna, Croatia the quakes CR 18-397
- 10 bet 5 & 6 p.m. at Arncliffe (Meurthe) "trombe d'eau" C R 18-397
- 11-14 first quakes Ragussa C R 18-397
- 14-16- Oct Quake- phe Quakes Ragussa etc. Subterranean sounds and whistling sounds as if of flights of birds (reverse) in the air / large luminous body moved east to west at 2 a.m. of 16th, visible 2 minutes Other quakes to 26th. Then quakes on 3rd day of Oct. On 7th violent dry fogs affecting sun and moon. C R 18-398
- 14 4:57 p.m. the violent quake at Ragussa. From then until 10 o'clock of the 15th a horizontal cloud that was described as a beam extended from south east to south, not moving. Said that (reverse) the inhabitants were not frightened by the quake more than by this cloud, or beam-like cloud.
- 14 etc Other places Meteor at Callaro Lesina Ragussa. Quakes in Ragussa *Dalmatia* (on the bay of Ragussa) particularly in *Herzegovania* Dalmatia is on east of Adriatic (reverse) In Co R. it is spelled *Raguse* at island of Curzola at Spalato and Slaini // This is Ragua, Dalmatia, Austria, where quake was in 1667.
- Sept 16 Quakes of Ragussa on in 1844
- See C R 20-1445
- 16 Klein-Wenden Erfurt Prussia meteorite (F) near Nordhausen A. J. Sci. 2/3/142
- 16 Nordhausen 5:15 p.m.
- 17 Hamburg fireball BA 60
- 18 LT p. 3. Vesuvius reported
- 22 Hamburg Fireball BA 60
- 24 Sloughton and Easton, Man. Sound like of a heavy explosion and then a (reverse) rumbling. Houses shaken and doors jarred open. Niles Nat. Register Nov 4. p. 147
- 26 (It) Ragusa / Quake / BA '11 Smyrna. Quakes - torrents. Repeated quakes "The mischief has been occasioned principally by the torrents of water which have accompanied these convulsions. Times 1846-270
- Sept 27 Sunspots of Sept & Oct / On 27th bet 4 & 5 p.m. 3 fresh spots broke out Not visible the next day (reverse) M. Notices 8-14
- Oct 2 Pont de Bouvoisin fireball BA 60.
- 2 Quake Russia Odessa etc. BA '11
- 5 Volc Lernongang Java N.M. C.R. 70-878
- 16 Fireball England BA 60
- 18 Asia Minor near Rhodes great quake '11
- 24 N. Y. Herald 27, p. 4. 7:50 a.m. Town of Canton, and other places in Mass. (reverse) explosive sound that rumbled for a minute, ground quaking.
- 25-26 Italy quake or detonating meteor See 1805.
- 25-27 Quakes Tuscany, Italy 20th Asia Minor BA '41
- 30 Stone fall Russia - Stanitzka, on the Don BA 60.
- Nov 11 5 p.m. Danube white cloud and loud report BA 60-80
- Box A (Resumed)**
- Nov 11 LT p. 6
- 20 LT p. 3 Superstition, Chaps-tow, Plymouth, Galway
- 25 LT p. 5
- Dec 1 LT p. 4 (reverse) Dec 9 p. 6, Dec. 25 p. 2
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Nov 12- 14 Mets at Philadelphia not remarkable BA 47-15
- 18 Nottingham Fireball BA '60
- 25 Volc Goentor, Java N.M. C R 70-878
- no date Etna Le Moniteur p. 2570 P.P. 9431
- Dec 5 LT p. 7
- 20 LT p. 5
- 21 LT p. 6 Etna
- 23 LT p. 4
- 25 LT p. 3
- Dec 8 Italy Parma Aurora C R 15/54
- 11 5 p.m. Commercy (Meuse) Meteor as if from Asia Minor C R 17-1340 / BA '60-80
- 21 Quakes and phenomena. Ab 10 p.m. parts of France and Switzerland shocks and a light in the sky (reverse) illuminating all things as if by daylight CR 18-402
- 21 Switzerland Great meteor sounds heard in the Vosges. BA '60
- 21 (Fr) Zurich, also Vosges, Berne, Alsace, 10 p.m. detonating meteor BA '60
- 21 Quake & meteor (Fr). Volmar and Vosges nearest Alsace Switzerland / 2 violent detonations Town in Switzerland in a deep fog suddenly illumined as if by the sun. To persons at (reverse) a distance from Fribourg seemed as if town on fire within few seconds. LT Jan 9, p. 6.
- 22 3:50 p.m. / Guernsey / quake
- 22 (or 29?) Channel Islands - quake. LT Jan 15, p. 3. said that at Island of Sark the shock was "tremendously awful" (reverse) but that men in mines neither heard sounds nor felt vibrations.
- 28, 29 Many meteors at Nice BA 47-15
- 29 (or 22?) Quake - Guernsey. In Timbs V.B. - 1844-277 said was felt at Sark, too and was evidently subterranean - then quote Times as to Sark.
- 1844**
- 1844 Fateshch Russia Stones and hail Symonds Met.
- 1844 Quakes in Europe and adjacent parts of Africa and Asia C R 20-1444
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 1844 Island of Oesel in the Baltic - sounds from a cemetery vault (reverse) that frightened horses tethered nearby so that several died. Coffins here disturbed. See Dale Owen's Footfalls.
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Jan Cerro Cosina, Guanajuato, Mexico. Meteorite (F)
- Jan Corrientes Brazil / meteorite

- BA 1860.
Jan 1 LT p. 61 Etna
Feb 0 LT p. 51
Jan 13-15
Feb 5-6-7-8-10-18-19-26
Mar 2-15-19
Jan 14 12:30 p.m. & 1:5 / Comrie quakes and very loud sound / at Aberfeldy about 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. LT Jan 27, p. 3
14 Meteor St. Lucia
19-30-31 and Feb 3 quake Dominica. Niles Natl Regist March 16, 1844 Gelat. D-49

Box A (Resumed)

- Jan 16 LT p. 5. Spont Comb.

Box 2 (Resumed)

- 20 Naples fireball BA 60.
28 bet 2 & 7 p.m. Quakes in Trenton and other places in New Jersey. In one place a (reverse) crack in the earth several hundred yards long. Niles Nat Reg Feb 3.
Feb 8 Parma fireball BA 60.
20 Hanover. Noon. In snow storm detonation but no meteor seen.

Box A (Resumed)

- Mar 25 LT p. 7 Ghost at Ramsey.

Box 2 (Resumed)

- Apr 3 Siena & Naples. Fireball BA 60.
6 Explosive sounds in mountain Nor. Car. that occasionally for 16 years or more (reverse) and glares been seen there. Niles Nat. Reg. of Apr. 6.

Box A (Resumed)

- Apr 6 Strange story.

Box 2 (Resumed)

- 11 Edinburgh Fireball Meteors BA 60

Box A (Resumed)

- 20 LT p. 5 Superstitions.

Box 2 (Resumed)

- 26 Along the river Towy, Carmarthen, dense swarm of black flies about a mile in length. See July 16. "caused consternation in (reverse) the minds of the

superstitious. Said had occurred in year 1843 - see LT May 3 p. 6.

- 20 Killeen, Tyrone, Ireland. Meteor (F)

May 7-20-23-29 and

in June

Rains and probably the severest

floods of eastern Kansas.

May 11 Hamburg meteors BA 60.

12 Milan Fireball BA 60.

12 Persia Great quake, BA 11.

31 Oc Moon - the well known appearance of 2 seeming moons. V B '45-281.

June 3-

4 (Fr) Poitiers. Quake BA '11.

11 6 a.m. Near Schemakla, Russia near Black Sea volcano burst out of a (reverse) mountain, cast out burning naphtha, also muddy water for $\frac{3}{4}$ hr. Athenaeum 1845-220.

12 7:30 p.m. Yaxley, Huntingdonshire. Severe quake. LT 18, p. 6.

24 Appearance near sun. CR 18/1168 (N)

24 Leeds Mercury June 29. Frogs. Afternoon at Selby, during thunder storm, little frogs fell in and around Selby. People caught some in their hats. They were very lively.

Selby shower of frogs near Andrews. Book of Oddities p. 30 Zoologist 1/2/677 (over) N.Q. 8/6/104 bet Doncaster & York.

24 In Leeds Mercury, June 29, reports from York, Leeds, Huddersfield, Doncaster, and other places of terrific thunder storm afternoon of this day. (Reverse) Large pieces of ice fell at Doncaster. Lightning struck in many places. At Leeds, there was heavy rain in some parts of town and no rain in others.
27 St. Louis. Floods high mark to June 8, 1903. See Trib. of June 8, 1903.

July 10

Hamburg fireball BA 60.

16 (?)

See Apr. 26. Flies? LT 20th from Kelso Mail - that on Tuesday morning between 5 & 6 at Berwick a thick mist was seen (reverse) A shower of rain fell and the constituents of this mist were seen to be "a body of flies so numerous as actually to blacken the flags

where they lay, and so small individually as to admit of examination only by a microscope.

Box A (Resumed)

- 17 Sea story.

Box 2 (Resumed)

- 20 Large meteor exploded. Nuremberg, and Parma. BA 47-15.
20 9 p.m. det met Italy, Germany, Belgium BA 60-82.

23 Venus Inf. Conjunction Sun?

Aug Times Index for Ledy birds.

Aug 9-

10 Many mets Belgium BA 47-15.

16 Dormstadt and Frankfurt fireball BA 60.

Aug

1 b's Brighton D News Aug 17, 1847

Aug 29-

30 Night. Demarara quake. N. Y. Herald: Oct. 25, LT p. 1, about 3:30 morning of the 30th quake which was disastrous. It had been preceded by a violent thunder storm.

30 Tobago and Dominica shaken N. Y. Herald Nov 5, p. 2.

Sep 4

Bombay Very large meteor E to W. BA 60.

5 Overall, Silesia very large fireball E to W BA 60.

4 from Aug 25, 1843 to

37 shocks at Comrie. Noted (reverse) that scarce a day without hearing either the rumbling of the earth or the "moaning in the air" statement by Lady Moncrie of Comrie. (reverse) BA

10 Fireball Belgium BA 60.

10 about 9 p.m. In the Vosges Great meteor C R 19-1035.

10 Evening bolide Belgium CR 19-1036

15 4:30 p.m. / Wirtenberg / det met in sunshine / BA 60 100

10 Night. Livingston Co. N. Y. / Sound like that of an explosion - reverberations almost (reverse) a minute and quake. Niles Nat Reg Sept 28

19 & Oct 22 33 days apart Shocks Rochester, N. Y. Times 54-268.

10 Whirlwind near Toulouse CR 19-851

Box A (Resumed)

- 10 Morning Chronicle, of incendiary fires in Suffolk